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In re Application of : **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
Schmidl, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/777,203 :  
Filed: February 5, 2001 :  
Atty. Dkt. No.: TI-31284 :

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 15, 2007.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned April 17, 2007 for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed January 16, 2007. The final Office action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period of time for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed August 10, 2007.


A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The correspondence indicated on the petition differs from that contained in the record. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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